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UNCLAS. AUGUST 3 (PASS TO VOA) HIGH CIRCULATION, MODERATE LA PRENSA GRAFICA HEADLINED "CAMPAGIN AGAINST EL SALVADOR AND THE COMMON MARKET".HHA

FP-PAGE COVERAGE QUOTED "OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES"

AS STATING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT "SECTORS INTERESTED IN BLOCKING THE REESTRUCTURING OF THE (CENTRAL AMERICAN) COMMON MARKET ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST EL SALVADOR." THESE SOURCES WERE QUOTED AS BLAMINGHRN-TERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES AND CENTRAL AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS FOR "LAUNCHING A TENDENTIOUS CAMPAIGN WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS TO BLAME EL SALVADOR AS THE AGRESSER NATION...

AND TRYING TO INFLUENCE OAS OBSERVERS AGAINST THIS COUNTRY WHICH HAS BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED OF ATTACKING HONDURAN MILITARY POSITIONS AND THUS BREAKING THE CEASE FIRE."

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, LA PRENSA GRAXECA

FRONT-PAGED A PHOTO OF THE OAS OBSERVERS WHO ARRIVED

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. IN THE LEAD PARAGRAPH, THE JUMP-PAGE ITEM QUOTED GEN MIRE,CTVBB E HEAD OF THE FIVE MAN TEAM, AS STATING THAT

"THE (BORDER) PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MEANS AND NOT BY ARMS." DIARIO DE HOY, HIGH CIRCULATION, CONSERVATIVE DAILY, GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE OAS TEAM ARRIVAL AND HEADDQHPAGE 2 ITEM QUOTING GEN MIRE "PEACE WITH HONDURAS WILL COME WITHOUT ARMS."

SPANISH TEXT (EXCERPTS FROM LA PRENSA GRAFICA):

HGSECTORES INTERESADOS EN BLOQUEAR LA REESTRIHKAACION DEL MERCADE COMUN PARTICIPAN EN LA AGRESIVE CAMPANA CONTRA EL SALVADOR, INICIA-

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DA EN LEKZLTIMOS DIAS, AFIRMARON AYER FUENTES OFICIALES

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KGXGXW. SE REFIRIERON A LAS EXAGERADAS Y NUMEROSAS
INFORMACIONES CURSADAS POR LAS AGENCIAS INTERNACIONALES Y
PUBLICADWR CON GRAN DESPLIEGUE EN VARIOS PERIODICOS CEN-
TROAMERICANOS Y DEL CONTINIENTE Y ENFATIZARON QUE ESTAS
"SON PARTE DZYMNA CAMPANA TENDENCIOSA, CUYO OBJETIVO
ES PROYECTAR NIWNHET TE LA IMAGEN DE QUE EL SALVADOR
ES "UN PAIS AGRESOR", CON EL FIN DELIBERADO DE INFLUPLXTZSM EL ANIMO
DE LOS OBSERVADORES MILITARES DESIGNADOS PORH A
OEA. REITERARON QUE ES FALSO QUE FUERZAS SALVADORENAS
HAYAN ATACADO POSICIONES O TROPAS DE HONDURAS, ASI
MISMO QUE HAYANID OLADO EL "CESE DE
UEGO". HAN SIDO LAS
TROPAS HONDURENAS LAS QUE HAN PROVOCADO LOS INCIDENTES
FRONTERIZOS---AFIRMARON."

(PARTIAL QUOTES, GEN MIRO):

-"EL PROBLEMA TIENE QUE SOLUCIONARSE POR LAS VIAS DIPLOMATICAS
Y NO POR MEDIO DE LAS ARMAS...PARA LA SOLUCION DEBE
HABER COMO BASE LA COMPRESION ENTRDAAMBOS PAISES." ASI
EXPRESO AYER AL ARRIBAR AL PAIS, EL GENERAL DE DIVISION
LUIS MARIA MIRO, DE 51 ANOS, DE ARGENTINA, JEFE DEL GRUPO
DE OBSERVADORES QUE ENVIA LA ORGANIZACION DE ESTADOS AMERICANOS
(OEA). ELLOS INSPECCIONARAN LA ZONA DE SEGU
STBD EN LA FRONTERA
ENTRE EL SALVADOR Y HONDURAS, SEGUN EL PACTO DE SAN JOSE,
FIRMADO EN 1970. AGREGO EL FUNCIONARIO DE LA OEA QUE
"MI MISION ES QUE SE DE CUMPLIMIENTO AL PACTO DE SAN JOSE,
QUE SE RESPETE LA ZONA DESMILITARIZADA DE TRES KILOMETROS
A LO LARGO DE LA FRONTERA. LA OEA NO ESTA INCLINADA
A FAVOR DE NINGUNA DE LAS DOS PARTES,
SINO QUE TIENE EL PROPOSITO DE LOGRAR UNA PAZ DURADERA ENTRE
LAS DOS NACIONES". "LA PRENSA TIENE
QUE COLABORAR MUCHO LPRA CONSEGUIR UN ARREGLO SATIUTACTORIO.
NO XTBE SER ALAROASTA, SINO TRATAR LA CUESTION CON EL TACTO QUE SE
RABUIERE. LA PRENSA TIENE UNA DELICADA E IML RTANTE FUNCION COMO
INFORMADORA DE MASAS QUE ES Y EN ESTE CASO, TIENE QUE
PRESTAR SU AYUDA, ORIENTANDOGP NO ALARMANDO", EXPLICO ELNU
GENERAL MIR
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